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Mr Sam Lacy
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Dear Sam:

You should get a letter in the same mail with this
from Butts Brown, with some news about the club.

I had originally planned to send out mats to all the
papers this week, but I am sending these to you ahead
of the others. These are all veterans of this war. On
the team are several others, but I do not have them
ready yet. Lary Doby and Parks in particular. I will
send the others to you next week.

The Eagles look beautiful on paper. I only hope they
will stand up on the field. I am sure they will.

Wasn't Jackie Robinsons entrance beautiful? I was so
afraid he might not measure up, but he really came
through. It is a real boost for the entire race. It is
a known fact Negroes always stand out as athletes. There
is no reason why they should not excell as baseball
players.

Following is the batting order and line up of the games
the Eagles have played in camp. I imagine it will be the
same opening day, but of course I am not sure. I will let
you know as soon as I do.

Watkins	2b	Murry
Isreal	3b	Clarence
Doby	ss	Lary
Irvin	cf	Monty Montford
Pearson	lb	Lenny Leonard
Davis	lf	Johnny John Howard
Harvey	rf	Robert
Parks	c	Charles

I wish you could be with us opening day. We are planning
the same elaborate program as usual. The American Legion
group will be bigger than ever. All the big city officials
have accepted invitations, plus the candidates for gover-
nor, the sherriff, police chief etc. They really take open
ing day very seriously here in Newark. We still only play
one game, and I cannot get the league to open with one
game in any other city.

We have our usual number of rookies, and from all reports
they all look very good, one boy from Jackson Miss. is
especially good looking. I guess Butts has sent you news
about him, the name Rufus Lewis, pitcher, also a veteran
of this war.

Sincerely